



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6421

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HOUSING GRIEVANCE
PROCEDURES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8-68f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 Each housing authority [which] that receives or has received
4 financial assistance under any state housing program, and the
5 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority or its subsidiary when said
6 authority or subsidiary is the successor owner of housing previously
7 owned by a housing authority under part II or part VI of this chapter,
8 shall, for housing [which] that it owns and operates, (1) provide each
9 of its tenants with a written lease, (2) adopt a procedure for hearing
10 tenant complaints and grievances, (3) adopt procedures for soliciting
11 tenant comment on proposed changes in housing authority policies
12 and procedures, including changes to its lease and to its admission and
13 occupancy policies, and (4) encourage tenant participation in the
14 housing authority's operation of state housing programs, including,
15 where appropriate, the facilitation of tenant participation in the
16 management of housing projects. If such housing authority or the
17 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority or its subsidiary operates both
18 a federal and a state-assisted housing program, it shall use the same
19 procedure for hearing tenant grievances in both programs. The

20 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall adopt
21 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to establish
22 uniform minimum standards for the requirements in this section. If
23 such regulations have not been adopted by October 1, 2013, the
24 commissioner shall submit a report on said date in accordance with the
25 provisions of section 11-4a to the joint standing committee of the
26 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing.
27 Such report shall detail the reasons why such regulations have not
28 been adopted.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | July 1, 2013 | 8-68f |
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HSG *Joint Favorable Subst.*